



# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS — WISCONSIN'S FOX VALLEY

CALUMET, FOND DU LAC, GREEN LAKE, OUTAGAMIE, WAUSHARA, WAUPACA, WINNEBAGO

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Workforce Development

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## Fox Valley Area Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Rise in February

### Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area Unadjusted Labor Force Data

February 2005	Appleton MSA	Fond du Lac MSA	Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Calumet	Green Lake	Outagamie	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Non MSA's
<b>Civilian Labor Force**</b>	127,400	57,400	96,000	26,600	11,200	100,800	30,300	12,200	334,400	111,100
Employed	120,700	54,300	91,200	25,400	10,300	95,300	28,300	11,300	316,200	104,300
Unemployed	6,600	3,100	4,800	1,200	800	5,400	1,900	900	18,300	6,800
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.4%	5.0%	4.5%	7.6%	5.4%	6.4%	7.4%	5.5%	6.1%
<b>Change from one month ago</b>										
	January 2005		February 2005							
<b>Civilian Labor Force**</b>	0	200	400	-100	0	100	0	0	500	100
Employed	-800	-100	-200	-200	-100	-600	-200	-100	-1,500	-500
Unemployed	800	300	600	100	100	700	200	0	2,000	600
Unemployment rate(%)	0.6%	0.4%	0.6%	0.4%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.4%	1%	0.5%
<b>Change from one year ago</b>										
	February 2004		January 2000							
<b>Civilian Labor Force**</b>	500	400	1,800	100	-200	400	-600	-200	1,800	-500
Employed	900	700	2,200	200	-200	700	-500	-100	3,000	-100
Unemployed	-400	-200	-400	-100	0	-300	-100	-100	-1,200	-400
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.4%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%	0.3%	-0.3%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.3%	-0.3%

The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate for the seven county Fox Valley Region increased by 1.0 of a percentage point to 5.5 percent. The increase in the rate is fairly typical for the month of February. Generally the region experiences its highest unemployment rates of the year in January and February, and then begins to moderate in March and April through early fall. February's rate for the Fox Valley was 0.3 of a percentage point below last February's rate of 5.8 percent.

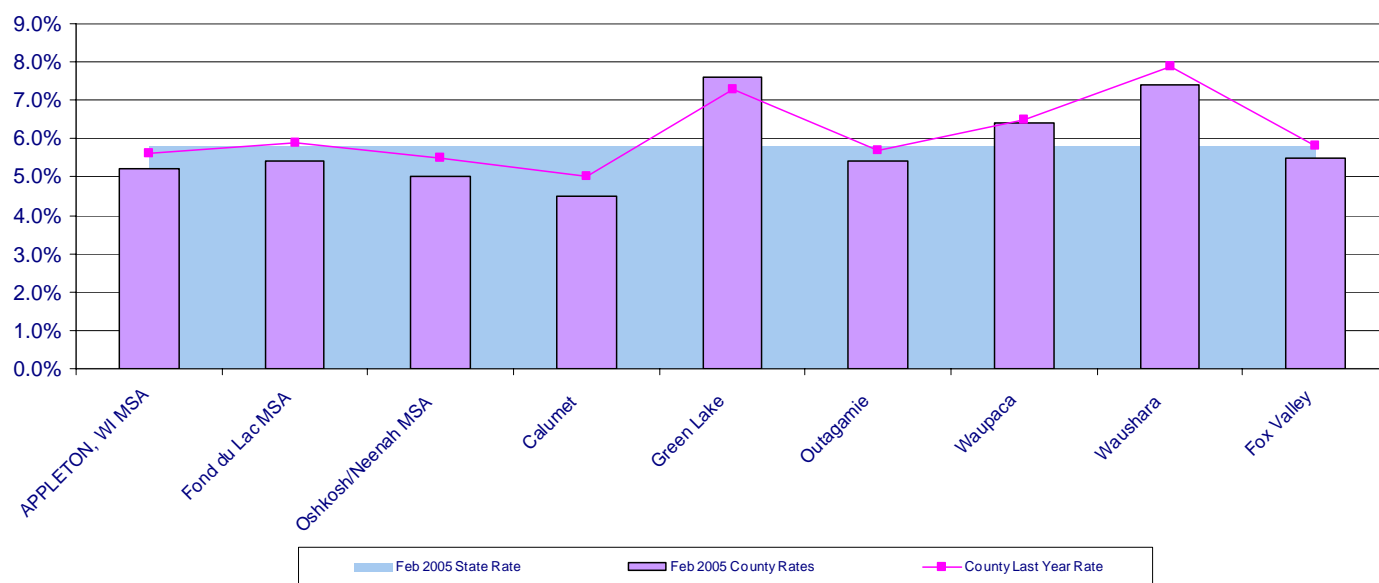
ployment rates compared to January. The area's labor force increased by 500 during the month to 334,400. This was 1,800 above last February. At the same time the number of workers claiming to be employed declined by 1,500 to 316,200. However the number employed was 3,000 above one year ago.

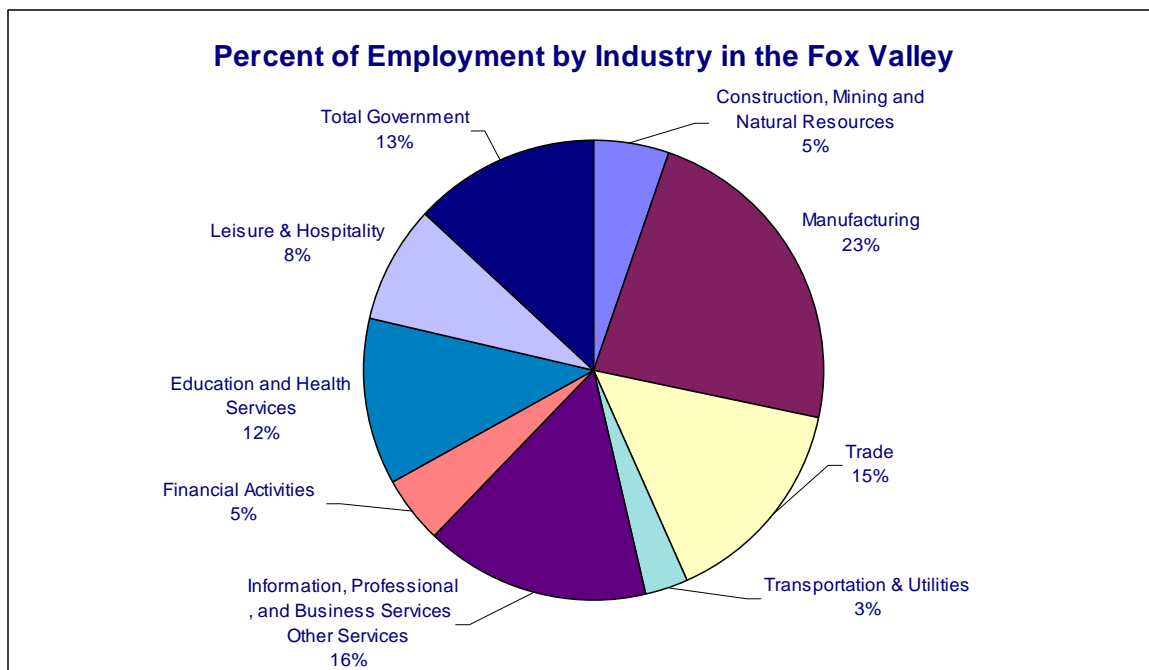
Unemployment rates in the region ranged from a low of 4.5 percent in Calumet County to a high of 7.6 percent in Green Lake County. Waupaca County had the greatest increase in its unemployment rate in the region, rising

All seven of the counties in the region had higher unem-

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### State and County Unadjusted Unemployment Rates





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0.8 of a percentage point to 6.4 percent.

Every county in the region with the exception of Green Lake County had a lower unemployment rate this year compared to last February.

During the last year, the area's labor force was up 1,800 workers. The number of workers estimated to be employed increased 3,000 over the last twelve months, while the number estimated to be unemployed decreased by 1,200.

The Oshkosh Neenah MSA, which is made up of Winnebago County had the largest over the year increase in its labor force. The number of workers is up 1,800 over the last 12 months. It also had the greatest increase in the number of workers employed over the year, with an increase of 2,200 employed.

Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWs) employment in the region decreased 6,900 during February to 286,700 jobs. Although the area experienced a seasonal decline in the number of jobs during the month, overall there were 7,000

more jobs in the region this year than last. The service providing industries were up 4,300 jobs from last February, while goods producing industries saw an increase of 2,800 jobs over the year.

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

As of January, seasonally adjusted data is no longer available for sub-state levels. Statewide and national data will continue to have seasonally adjusted data.

The seasonally adjusted rate for the State of Wisconsin was up 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.9 percent. The United States' rate was unchanged over the month, remaining at 5.4 percent.

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Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)*											
National (U. S. City Average.) 1982-84 = 100			% Change	Class B/C - North Central States (1996 = 100)			% Change	Class D - North Central States (1996 = 100)			% Change
U.S. City Average	Feb-05	Jan-05	Feb-04	(Size 50,000-1500,000)	Feb-05	Jan-05	Feb-04	(Size Less than 50,000)	Feb-05	Jan-05	Feb-04
All Items	191.8	190.7	3.0%	All Items	118.1	117.3	1.7%	All Items	179.2	178.2	0.3%
Food & Beverage	189.3	189.5	2.6%	Food & Beverage	117.7	116.7	3.0%	Food & Beverage	183.0	182.7	3.7%
Housing	192.7	191.8	3.0%	Housing	116.0	115.6	1.7%	Housing	168.5	167.2	-0.7%
Apparel & Upkeep	118.7	116.1	0.1%	Apparel & Upkeep	85.9	85.9	2.0%	Apparel & Upkeep	125.5	126.7	-6.5%
Transportation	166.1	164.0	4.6%	Trqansportation	119.9	117.7	-0.4%	Trqansportation	156.3	154.2	-2.3%
Gasoline (all Types)	163.4	155.6	14.7%	Gasoline (all Types)	172.2	162.4	-0.3%	Gasoline (all Types)	153.1	144.8	0.4%
Medical Care	319.3	316.8	4.3%	Medical Care	139.2	137.9	6.3%	Medical Care	316.6	312.7	6.1%
Energy	155.2	151.9	10.4%	Energy	150.5	147.0	3.1%	Energy	143.0	139.7	3.5%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics \*Not Seasonally Adjusted

Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area								
February 2005	Appleton	Fond du Lac	Oshkosh	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Wisconsin
	MSA		MSA					
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWs) ***</b>	114,000	48,200	90,900	7,100	20,500	6,000	286,700	2,765,400
Total Private	102,300	42,200	77,900	6,000	16,500	4,500	249,400	2,339,100
Goods Producing	32,200	13,600	26,400	1,800	5,600	1,200	80,900	614,200
Service Producing	81,800	34,600	64,500	5,200	14,900	4,800	205,800	2,151,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	8,000	2,700	3,300	400	800	300	15,400	116,300
Manufacturing	24,200	10,900	23,100	1,500	4,800	1,000	65,500	497,900
Trade	19,600	7,400	11,500	900	2,900	800	43,100	421,600
Transportation & Utilities	3,400	1,600	3,300	300	500	300	9,400	104,100
Financial Activities	6,400	1,800	3,800	300	600	200	13,100	156,800
Education and Health Services	11,800	6,800	10,200	1,100	2,900	700	33,400	383,300
Leisure & Hospitality	10,700	4,300	6,200	600	1,800	700	24,300	233,500
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	18,200	6,700	16,500	1,000	2,200	600	45,200	425,600
Total Government	11,700	6,000	13,000	1,000	4,000	1,500	37,200	426,300
Federal	500	300	500	100	100	100	1,600	29,100
State	300	600	5,400	0	900	400	7,600	107,900
Local	10,900	5,100	7,100	1,000	3,000	1,100	28,100	289,300
<b>Change from one month ago</b>	<b>January 2005</b>							
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWs) ***</b>	-3,200	-1,100	-1,600	-300	-600	-100	-6,900	-77,900
Percent change NFWs from last month	-2.7%	-2.2%	-1.7%	-3.5%	-3.0%	-2.3%	-2.4%	-2.7%
Total Private	-3,700	-1,000	-1,600	-250	-560	-100	-7,200	-83,500
Goods Producing	-1,700	-300	-600	-90	-200	-30	-2,900	-28,100
Service Producing	-1,500	-800	-1,000	-170	-430	-120	-4,000	-49,800
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-900	-300	-700	-110	-130	-60	-2,200	-21,700
Manufacturing	-800	0	100	20	-70	30	-700	-6,400
Trade	-200	-300	-100	-50	-170	-40	-900	197,400
Transportation & Utilities	-200	-200	-200	-30	-10	-10	-600	54,700
Financial Activities	-100	0	0	-10	0	0	-100	0
Education and Health Services	-100	200	0	-20	-10	0	100	0
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	-200	-500	-100	-100	0	-1,000	-17,900
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	-1,300	-200	-200	20	-90	-20	-1,800	-16,500
Total Government	500	-100	0	-10	-70	-40	300	5,600
Federal	0	0	-100	0	0	0	-100	-500
State	0	-100	-100	0	-10	0	-200	1,800
Local	500	0	200	-10	-60	-50	600	4,300
<b>Change from one year ago</b>	<b>February 2004</b>							
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWs) ***</b>	2,000	1,400	3,200	0	100	300	7,000	-44,900
Percent change NFWs from last year	1.8%	3.0%	3.6%	0.6%	0.7%	4.5%	2.5%	-1.6%
Total Private	1,900	1,400	2,400	240	60	210	6,200	-50,800
Goods Producing	1,100	600	800	130	-30	190	2,800	-23,000
Service Producing	900	800	2,400	-100	180	70	4,300	-21,900
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	200	100	-100	50	80	0	300	-20,500
Manufacturing	900	500	900	90	-110	180	2,500	-2,500
Trade	800	200	1,200	-10	-90	10	2,100	199,100
Transportation & Utilities	-100	-100	-200	30	-20	40	-400	53,800
Financial Activities	-500	0	-100	10	-20	20	-600	-100
Education and Health Services	300	600	0	10	320	20	1,200	11,400
Leisure & Hospitality	900	100	100	-40	-80	-40	900	-14,800
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	-600	0	600	120	-10	-30	100	-6,300
Total Government	100	0	800	-200	90	50	800	5,900
Federal	0	100	0	-10	0	0	100	-700
State	0	-100	700	0	60	10	700	4,400
Local	100	0	100	-200	30	40	100	2,200
* Seven counties, excluding La Crosse County ** Includes participants residing in area. *** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWs data is benchmarked to 3/2002								

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